

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the Application.

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of describing ~~a user profile to describe~~ user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content[[s]], the method comprising:

providing user preference information for the in a user profile, the user preference information describing [[:]] and incorporating a browsing preference information that specifies in the user preference information, wherein the browsing preference information includes a plurality of browsing criterion preferences, which may be differently described according to a type of multimedia contents, a first genre to which the plurality of browsing preferences apply, and a respective preference value for each browsing preference in the plurality of browsing preferences, wherein the respective preference value indicates indicating relative priority assigned to each for using the corresponding browsing criterion preference for browsing multimedia content of the first genre.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein ~~each of the plurality of browsing preferences criteria~~ is described in a hierarchical structured hierarchically.

15. (Currently amended) A method of describing user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content[[s]], the method comprising:

providing browsing preferences describing a plurality of summary preferences based on that apply to a type first genre of multimedia content[[s]], wherein the browsing preferences assign a respective preference value to each summary preference in the plurality of summary preferences, the respective preference value indicating relative priority of weight for directly selecting one of the plurality of the corresponding summary preference[[s]] for browsing multimedia content of the first genre is assigned to each of the plurality of

~~summary preferences.~~

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~each of the plurality~~ of summary preferences is described in a hierarchical ~~structured hierarchically~~.

17. (Currently amended) A system for processing data structure for describing ~~data structure for describing~~ user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content[[s]], the system comprising:

a data storage device for storing a data structure specifying a plurality of summary preferences based on that apply to browsing a type first genre of multimedia content[[s]], wherein the data structure assigns a respective preference value indicating relative priority or weight is assigned to each summary preference of the plurality of summary preferences, the respective preference value indicating relative priority for selecting the corresponding summary preference for browsing multimedia content of the first genre; and

a data processing apparatus configured to process the data structure.

18. (Currently amended) The system data structure ~~data structure~~ of claim 17, wherein ~~each of~~ the data structure specifying the plurality of summary preferences is structured hierarchically.